

## WILLIAMS

### A WINNER

Official Count Settles All Contention.

OFFICIAL MAJORITY IS 648

Noel and Brewer In The 2nd Primary For Governor No Contests Filed.

#### JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS' STATEMENT.

"All Mississippians are brethren. I congratulate myself upon having preserved their good will and upon having won a victory notwithstanding the 15,000 or 20,000 populists who take their marching orders from Tom Watson, while they wear a Democratic uniform and bear a Democratic name. Thank God! I fought a clean fight and kept the faith—the old Democratic faith—midway between plutocracy and mobocracy. Thank God again that I was strong enough to preach the doctrine of mutual helpfulness and not mutual hate, on earth."

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 8.—The Democratic state executive committee met at noon today and declared Congressman John Sharp Williams as the party nominee for the United States senate.

Canvass of the returns showed a majority of 648 votes for Williams, the totals being as follows: Williams 59,496; Vardaman 58,848.

There will be no contest over the result.

After a short caucus this morning between the two factions it was finally agreed to abide by semi-official returns as furnished by Secretary of State Power from the various counties and which show that Mr. Williams has a majority of 648 votes. The motion to declare Mr. Williams the nominee was seconded by the friends of Governor Vardaman.

The committee then formally declared Mr. Williams nominated as United States Senator and this is considered final settlement of the now celebrated contest.

After devoting all the forenoon session to finding out the status of the two candidates for senator and so declaring, the executive committee resumed session in the afternoon and with little loss of time proceeded to ascertain the result of the voting for governor. While there were only three men whose standing could be affected by the committee's research, it was of course necessary to go all through the list of the six after getting the figures from all but three of the counties, which were Grenada, Kemper and Smith and taking the unofficial figures for them, the three leading candidates consenting to this procedure, the committee found that the candidates stood as follows: E. F. Noel, 29,380; Earl Brewer, 28,111; Chas. Scott, 26,941; T. U. Sisson, 20,107; Jeff Truly, 15,687; and E. N. Thomas, 1,394.

After sitting in session until 10 o'clock, the committee found the following nominated without question: Auditor, E. J. Smith over T. R. Maxwell; treasurer, Geo. R. Edwards over P. S. Stovall; superintendent of education, J. N. Powers over G. F. Boyd; trustees of the penitentiary, First district, W. A. Montgomery over Howard Jones; trustee of the penitentiary, Second district, C. C. Smith over John S. Dodds—all these candidates in the lead having clear

and uncontested majorities. Those who must make the race again are:

For Lieutenant-Governor—Luther Manship, 39,208 votes; Wiley N. Nash, 36,442; Capt. S. D. Watts running third, with 31,187.

For Insurance Commissioner—T. M. Henry, with 44,689 votes, was highest, with W. J. Miller next, with 26,061; H. F. Simrall received 23,553, and J. G. Spencer, 16,146.

The race between candidates for railroad commissioner for the Second district resulted in F. M. Lee receiving 13,649, S. D. McNair 10,723 and S. W. Joiner 7,995, the two former to run over. In the race for railroad commissioner in the Northern district Scott and Rivers led the several candidates and will run the race over in the second primary.

For penitentiary trustees for the northern district the race is between L. T. Taylor of Lee, and M. P. Bishop of Lafayette, the former receiving 21,734 and the latter 15,940.

The committee after the adoption of formal resolution declaring the results of the canvass, stood adjourned until after the second round on August 22.

#### Vardaman's Card.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 8.—Governor Vardaman this afternoon conceded the nomination of Mr. Williams by sending the following note to the State Central Committee.

"The Democratic party through its executive committee, has declared Mr. Williams the nominee, and I accept the arbitrament of that tribunal without a tinge of resentment or regret for anything done or said or done by my friends or me, during the campaign."

"I am for the nominee and hope that he will make the people of Mississippi a great United States Senator. I have made the campaign upon living, important and pertinent principles, and while I have lost the nomination, I am thoroughly convinced that the large majority of the white Democrats of this State agree with my views upon public question, and I shall continue to fight for those principles as earnestly in the future as I have contended for them in the past.

"I want to thank my friends for their loyalty, their earnestness and their zeal in behalf of the principles I represent, and for my political interests. No man was ever blessed by more loyal and faithful friends than those who favored my fortunes in the contest. I want them to feel as I do, that we have not been defeated, but that the victory is only postponed for a season. I have been a candidate several times in my life, and lost the fight, but never have I felt the sting of defeat, and I am not defeated today.

"I am sure that I am stronger with the people of Mississippi today than ever before, and God being my helper I hope to so live that the popularity, confidence and strength with the people may grow."

"The only life worth living is a life of service and to serve Mississippi and Mississippians is my chief ambition."

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meets Wednesday To Arrange For Second Primary.

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic Executive Committee of this, Lowndes county, will meet at the court house Wednesday morning, Aug. 14, at 11 o'clock to select judges, clerks, etc., for the second primary to be held Thursday, Aug. 22nd.

E. R. SHERMAN, Chairman.  
P. W. MAER, Secretary.

Mr. Lucius L. Lide, a very greatly beloved Columbus boy who holds a lucrative position in Mem. his, has been spending the past few days in the city visiting relatives.

## ADDRESS

Is Issued By Brewer's Valiant Supporters.

Strongly Urging the People to Rally to His Standard.

The following address has been issued to the people of Mississippi by friends of Earl Brewer, in advocacy of his candidacy for governor.

Mr. Brewer realizes fully that he has gained the confidence and support of the people because of the principles he advocates, and does not flatter himself with the idea that his personal merits are greater than those of others who have been unsuccessful in the first primary.

He has stood and now stands for civic righteousness, for the live, burning, practical questions confronting and challenging the best thought of American statesmanship.

The past has had its problems and victories, but the present and the future call for action.

The platforms of the various candidates have been written, and upon these all have stood and must stand until the end.

We emphasize that fact, and the patriotic citizenship of the state will remember well that no candidate advocated the following reforms except Mr. Brewer, to-wit:

First—A rigorous and impartial administration of the law against all—the strong as well as the weak, without distinction, as the key note to the lasting welfare and advancement of the best interests of the state.

Second—The absolute abolition of gambling in futures done in the dens commonly called "bucketshops," to the great detriment of the producers of the state.

Third—Plain, simple and effectual banking laws for the prevention of fraud and speculation, and the protection of the earnings of the people.

Fourth—That public service corporations must obey the law, hands off in politics, and bear their share of the burden of taxation.

Fifth—All public service corporations must domesticate and submit unreservedly to the jurisdiction of the courts of the state.

Sixth—The protection of the servants and employees of public service corporations from the deadly "blacklist," and other devices to enslave them.

Seventh—Child labor laws for the protection of children forced to labor in the shops and factories from the greed and avarice of predatory wealth.

Eighth—The raising of the age of consent from the barbarous age of 10 years, to protect infants from lecherous brutes.

Ninth—Separation of juvenile offenders from old and hardened criminals.

Tenth—The amendment of the constitution of the state to authorize the election of women to the office of county superintendent of education and as trustees of institutions wherein girls are educated.

Eleventh—The uprooting of trusts and the undoing of their nefarious work, which covers the overturning of the notorious Mobile and Ohio and Southern Railway Companies merger and other like unlawful acts.

We recommend to the public a careful study of Mr. Brewer's entire platform, in contrast with that of his opponent. A copy of this platform will be mailed to each voter in the state before the day of election.

The contest is one of principles. Men fade into insignificance, except that the strong timber of the make of that man we recommend to the whole people gives us assurance in advance that

what he undertakes he will surely accomplish, if human endeavor can prevail.

The detestable anonymous campaign slanders that have been circulated, bear the lurking impress of untruth upon their face, and the people have repudiated alike the slanders and the slanderers. There can and will be no more of them. All now know that Mr. Brewer's life as a worthy, honorable, deserving young Mississippian has in it no hidden or unknown chapter.

It is an open book laid bare to the people.

Mr. Brewer merits the confidence of the people.

His wonderful victory has surprised his friends and alarmed the enemies of good government. His cause is before the people as a whole.

The closing words of Mr. Brewer's platform call for the aid of all disinterested and patriotic citizens.

This is what he said:

Grafters or law breakers will not labor for my nomination. "Political bosses will not be able to find anything in my past life or official conduct which will encourage them to believe that I could be influenced or molded to their liking."

"Those employed to demand from the state for their masters something more than exact and even-handed justice will hardly work for my promotion."

"I hope to receive the support and encouragement of men with no political or financial axe to grind."

"The toilers of the fields, the factory and the office—the great mass of unbought and unpurchasable people—if I am elected, will elect me."

"Recognizing that, to the people I submit my views, and of them I ask an endorsement."

"In pledge and pawn for the support of the Democracy of Mississippi promise a faithful and efficient discharge of official duties and an honest endeavor to give the people of the state a progressive yet prudent, conservative, economical, business administration, and if elected to this end I shall devote all the energy of which my young manhood is capable."

Read, consider and join with us in bringing about an overwhelming final victory for this young champion of the people of Mississippi.

All must mark, approve and hold up the hands of the man who, in this day of greed and graft, boldly spoke these words when he announced his candidacy.

And as he was resolved then, he is doubly so now, and will be to the end.

#### ANNUAL FAIR

Preparations on For Grand Event in Columbus.

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The annual fair of the East Mississippi and West Alabama Fair Association will be held in Columbus October 22, 23, 24 and 25, when will be seen the biggest exhibits and best races ever seen in Mississippi.

The big catalogue of 100 pages is now in preparation at THE COMMERCIAL printing plant and will contain a fine premium list and a splendid program. The races will be a feature and all kinds of entertainment will be provided. Dr. Oliver, the secretary, is already actively engaged in getting everything ready for the annual event and we may rest assured that with the experience of himself and associates the fair this year will surpass all others.

WANTED—At once two carrier boys. Apply at Commercial office.

Mrs. Geo. D. Randle is visiting relatives in Bessemer Ala.

## RACE PROBLEM

Percy's Solution Education and Emigration.

Ideas Endorsed By President Theodore Roosevelt.

New York, Aug. 10.—President Roosevelt has sent "The Outlook," an article on the negro problem by Leroy Percy, a prominent Mississippian, with the suggestion that it be printed, because it seems to him to be so important and because he firmly believes that the effective way to help both races in the South is by following just such a course as Mr. Percy advocates.

Mr. Percy protests against the theory that the education of the negro should be stopped. He says there is not enough of the negro in the South, and what there is of him is not good enough. He says:

"The negro must be educated to the extent necessary to enable him to know whether he is being rightfully or wrongfully treated. Any other idea is harmful and cruel because of its harshness. The industrial development of the South demands that he be educated."

"One of the common results of education is that the negro wishes to separate himself from the ignorant mass of his own race and go where he can be judged as a man of his individual merit; and when he goes he takes just that much of the race problem with him, and leaves the problem for us just that infinitely small step nearer solution. To drive the negro from the South in a mass would mean industrial revolution; to rest the development of the South upon the negro alone means industrial paralysis."

Mr. Percy then refers to the development of the west by immigrants and draws the contrast between the magnificent commonwealths built by the immigrants while the people of the south are feebly reaching with "lame hands for higher things."

"Don't drive the negro out," he says, "but educate him, equip him and let him go as he wills, taking his troubles to other climes, filling his place with the best immigrants you can get but filling it with white men possessing the potentialities of citizenship, whose children or children's children, some day in the future, will help us bear the burdens, help us solve the problems of government. This the negro can never do. I do not ignore the industrial development which has been going on in the south but it has not been through or by reason of the negro; it has been despite of him. We have developed just where the white man has done the work and just in proportion to the work done by him. The south must not be dependent for its prosperity on the negro."

"There is no quack, no nostrum to be used in solving this negro problem. It can and will be worked out, but it will be through time. It must be worked out with infinite patience, with absolute honesty and fair dealing and with that steadfast courage with which southern men have met every danger with which they have been confronted."

#### HALF RATES

##### TOURIST SLEEPING CARS.

On cheap excursion to St. Louis and Chicago, leaving Mobile and New Orleans August 17th, via Mobile & Ohio R. R., tourist sleeping cars will be operated in addition to regular standard sleeping cars. Half of the standard car rate will apply in tourist cars. Call on Mobile & Ohio Agents for particulars.

Don't go hungry; watermelons are cheap.

## UNVEILING

Exercises at West Point Was Feature of Encampment.

The principal event Thursday at "Camp Columbus" was the visit of four companies and several officers to West Point, Miss. In regard to the trip the following general order relative to the movement was issued:

"General Order No. 4.  
"Camp Columbus Miss.,  
August 8, 1907.

"Col. Sam R. McCants—You are hereby ordered to take charge of division of battalion composed of Companies B, E, F, and H, Second regiment, Mississippi National Guards, and attend the unveiling of the Confederate monument at West Point, Miss., as a mark of respect to our deathless dead, whose record upon many a field should be an inspiration to every Mississippi soldier. Your command must be ready to leave at 2:30 p. m.

"S. R. KESSLER,  
"Major General.  
"By John P. Mayo, Colonel and Adjutant."

Promptly at 3 o'clock the four companies and Gen. Arthur Fridge, Col. John P. Mayo, Lieut. Col. W. T. Bellong, Capt. P. Parriah, Lieut. Col. W. C. Ca vin Wells, Jr., Capt. S. M. Stein and Major Nall, left on the Asheville train for West Point. The trip was made in about fifty minutes, and at 4 o'clock the battalion was on the streets of the pretty little Mississippi city. The programme at West Point was quite inspiring in its enthusiasm, and the address of Dr. Bolling was exceptionally fine. It was nothing unusual for him, however, and was rendered in his characteristic oratorical style for which he is so well known and highly respected over the entire south.

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